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A woman protests in Halifax earlier this month over Judge Gregory Lenehan's decision to find a Halifax taxi driver not guilty in high-profile sexual assault case.  
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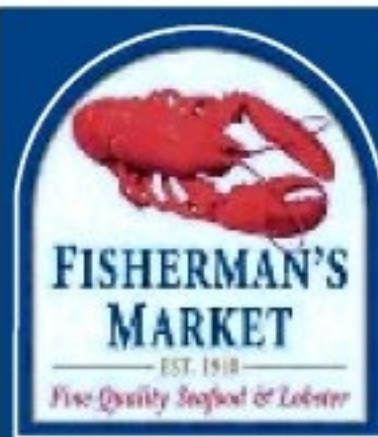
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# Urban plaza springing to life

## STREETSCAPING

**Project will turn Argyle into a street 'unlike any other'**



**Ben Macintosh**  
For Metro | Halifax

Construction to turn Argyle Street into an "urban plaza" could start as early as this spring, according to the city as more details of the plans were announced Thursday.

Hanita Koblents, principal street planner for Halifax Regional Municipality, said the streetscape project will make the street "unlike any other street in the city."

"We've had this vision for years to do this. Really to support the entertainment industry," she said.

Work on the project started in July 2015 when Halifax regional council recommended staff to advance a design and business case. Construction drawings were finalized and

the tender for the detailed design of the project, to be done in one phase, went out this week.

The design includes no curbs, making seasonal work easier for business, said Koblents.

"In the best, businesses had to build temporary sidewalks around their patios," said Koblents. "Without the curb that is no longer an issue."

The plans reduce the amount of parking on Argyle Street.

"Parking spots are being reduced because the street is being designed for pedestrians," said Koblents.

"But it will still have accessible parking."

The project is also going to include sidewalk upgrades to Prince and Carmichael streets and attempts to make Argyle more green, said Koblents.

"We're going to put in underground boxes to grow trees, which is hard in an urban environment."

Traditional catch basins will be replaced with trenches to allow the water to drain without curbs.

Grafton Street, which is also part of the streetscape project, will remain open to two-way traffic with improvements to curbs and patios.

If needed, a renewal of the water main on Argyle Street could add eight weeks to the projected 14-week plan.

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**The street is being designed for pedestrians.**

Hanita Koblents

## + START DATE

Construction is expected to be completed by August 2017.



**1 Mr. Yoyothrower (Jeremy McKay) does some tricks during an Argyle Street party in 2015.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

**2 An artist rendering of the plans.** CONTRIBUTED

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## THINGS TO DO IN HALIFAX THIS WEEKEND

Cheer on the Herd, sip on some tea or work some dancing into your plans.

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## 1 Big band dance

Lazing on a Sunday afternoon? Well get up and dance, because Andy Duinker and his big band are hosting a dance for all ages at the McInnes Room at Dalhousie. They'll be playing many styles of music including, swing, rock & roll, waltz and maybe even a polka. It goes from 2 to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$25 online at [andyduinker.com](http://andyduinker.com) or \$30 at the door..

## 2 Human rights education show

Come watch the youth cast of project ARC preform their multi-award winning human rights education show. The show will be raising funds for Doctors Without Borders, Hope for Wildlife and Out of The Cold Shelter. Project ARC uses music, dance and theatrics to teach people about human rights. The show takes place Sunday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Woodlawn United Church. Admission is pay what you can pay.



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## 3 Great Lake Swimmers

Come down to the Seahorse Tavern Saturday night to get your folk rock on with the Great Lake Swimmers and Megan Bonnell. This stop is part of their 2017 Floating Through the Forest tour, and the band will be playing a selection of songs from their entire career including their newest album, Forest of Arms. The show is a 19-plus event and admission is \$25, tickets are available online at [tickethalifax.com/events/40491687/great-lake-swimmers-saturday-april-1st](http://tickethalifax.com/events/40491687/great-lake-swimmers-saturday-april-1st).

## 4 Cheer on the Herd

We hate to say must win, but for the underdog Halifax Mooseheads, this is a very big game. Halifax is tied 2-2 in their best-of-seven playoff series with the defending champion and heavily favoured Rouyn-Noranda Huskies, with Game 5 going Friday night at Scotiabank Centre. The series switches back to Rouyn-Noranda for Game 6, and if necessary, Game 7 next week so winning Friday puts the champs on their heels and Halifax in line for a huge series upset. A big crowd is expected Friday night with game time set for 7 p.m. Lets get out and support the Herd and having Scotiabank Centre rockin' for great playoff hockey..

## 5 Halifax Tea Festival

Prepare to get steeped Saturday morning as the third annual Halifax Tea Festival kicks off. The event goes from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Halifax Forum. You can sample different teas and learn something new from workshops and lectures. Tickets are \$10 for adults at the door, \$3 for ages 5-12 (door-only) and children under five are free. Tickets can also be bought online for \$8 at [halifaxteafestival.weebly.com/store/c1/Featured\\_Products.html](http://halifaxteafestival.weebly.com/store/c1/Featured_Products.html).



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# Lawsuit accuses Airbus of negligence in crash

## LEGAL ACTION

### Air Canada claims Airbus shortcomings caused crash

Airbus's negligence contributed to a crash landing at Halifax Stanfield International Airport two years ago, Air Canada claims in a lawsuit against the French aircraft manufacturer.

In a statement of claim filed in Nova Scotia Supreme Court, Air Canada (TSX:AC) said Airbus SAS failed to identify shortcomings of the Airbus 320.

The document said it did not advise that in certain conditions, the plane's flight path angle could be affected by external forces.

It also claims Airbus failed to incorporate a warning system to alert pilots to a deviation from the planned flight path angle.

"(Airbus) failed to provide adequate and/or accurate information as to how pilots should cor-



**Air Canada claims negligence on the part of Airbus was a contributing factor to a crash landing at Halifax Stanfield Airport two years ago.** THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

rect a deviation in the flight path in circumstances where manual intervention was required," the March 28 claim said.

The statement of claim does not specify an amount for damages, but says: "(Air Canada) pleads that (Airbus) was negligent and that its negligence caused or contributed to the damages claimed in the within action."

"Damages claimed herein include the damage sustained by the aircraft and other expenses related to the subject incident," it said.

Airbus did not immediately return a request for comment Thursday and has not filed a statement of defence. Air Canada declined to comment, as the matter is now before the courts.

## FLIGHT 624

### The landing

Flight 624 hit the ground about 200 metres short of runway 05 shortly after midnight on March 29, 2015, as it approached in gusty winds and heavy snowfall.

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An engine and the plane's landing gear were torn from the airframe amid a shower of sparks and leaking fuel, but there was no fire and the fuselage remained largely intact.

More than two dozen people were injured in the crash landing, which is also the subject of a class-action lawsuit.

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## POLICE

### Halifax homicides added to unsolved crimes program



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

Two cold homicide cases have been added to the province's unsolved crimes reward program.

Halifax Regional Police are looking for information about the homicides of Jaumar Carvery and Angela Hall, and the Nova Scotia justice department will pay \$150,000 to anyone who shares information leading to an arrest and conviction in either case.

Carvery was shot to death near Olympic Court and Sunrise Walk in Halifax on May 3, 2008.

Hall was injured on Primrose Street in Dartmouth on April 29, 2011 and died in hospital.

Police say both investigations are still active, and they believe there are people who have information about them.

Anyone who does come forward with information has to give their name and contact

information, and may be called to testify in court.

The Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes Program phone number is 1-888-710-9090, and all calls will be recorded.



**Alicia Shay-Riley and her mother, Angela Hall.**



**Jaumar Carvery.**



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# Questions on drinking before attack 'fair game,' lawyer says

## SEXUAL ASSAULT

### Public critical of focus on complainant's credibility



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

How far defence lawyers can go in questioning the credibility of a sexual-assault complainant, and how much they were drinking, is a "tricky line," one Halifax expert says.

Wayne MacKay, Dalhousie University law professor, said he felt "disappointment" to see another taxi sexual-assault case in court this week involving Saher Hamdan, less than a month after cabbie Bassam Al-Rawi was acquitted by Judge Gregory Lenehan. The controversial acquittal drew national attention and is being appealed.

"That is troubling, because one would hope that taxis are safe places to be," MacKay said Thursday.

In Hamdan's case, the 19-year-old passenger testified in court Wednesday the driver rubbed her leg a few times without her consent, reached between her legs to pull a latch and slide back her seat and asked if he could kiss her the evening of July 15, 2016.

Defence lawyer John O'Neill extensively cross-examined



A protest last month at Grand Parade after Judge Gregory Lenehan's ruling in the Bassam Al-Rawi case. JEFF HARPER/METRO

**"How many people could tell you that kind of detail anyway? That 'exactly where did you have your foot during that conversation' yesterday, let alone six months ago?" Wayne MacKay**

the complainant on where her feet were in the cab at different points and said it was a "significant" point whether her leg was on the dashboard as she said in July or propped on the inner side compartment of the door, which she said Wednesday.

Many readers commented

on social media that they felt it was also irrelevant O'Neill questioned the woman at length about what she was drinking at the bar, and how much, before getting in the cab.

Even though the public conversation is shifting away from what a woman was drinking

or wearing when an alleged assault occurs, MacKay said the defence has a duty to represent their clients to the "fullest extent of the law" while remaining ethical and respectful.

Defence lawyers cannot "unduly push" the law as they try to find inconsistencies or problems with the credibility of a

complainant, MacKay said, and must follow modern restrictions like not asking about someone's sexual history.

And although a complainant's general pattern of drinking is a "problematic" line of questioning, MacKay said how much she was drinking before an alleged assault is "fair game."

"That could affect her recollections ... as long as it doesn't cross the line into suggesting she was a drunk or drunk most of the time, which are more of a personality attack," MacKay said. "It's a tricky line."

Although the defence may focus on a complainant's credibility and drinking, MacKay said, it's really important that society focuses on what the accused person did to produce a sexual-assault situation.

"One doesn't want to add any suggestion that women are sort of wandering around the streets looking for taxi cabs to have sex in. It seems to me that's pretty unlikely," MacKay said.

Judge Michael Sherar will review the full transcript of the complainant's testimony and written briefs on the defence's three arguments before making a decision this summer, which MacKay said is a good sign.

"I imagine after the Justice Lenehan and the Al-Rawi case, there's going to be a fair caution in dealing with these matters from the bench," MacKay said.

## COURTS

### Hearing set in taxi assault case

A case of a Halifax taxi driver accused of sexually assaulting a female passenger has been adjourned until May.

Sayed Mirsaeid-Ghazi's lawyer, Luke Craggs, appeared on his behalf in Nova Scotia Supreme Court on Thursday.

A pretrial conference was set for May 5. A hearing to set a date for his trial was scheduled for May 9.

Police allege that on Oct. 23, 2015, Mirsaeid-Ghazi picked up a 21-year-old woman he had driven in his taxi on previous occasions.

Investigators say that while driving, the man touched the woman in a sexual manner without her consent before dropping her off at her requested destination in Halifax.

He was arrested last April for sexual assault and released on conditions to have no female passengers in his vehicle and no passengers in the front seat while working.

Mirsaeid-Ghazi is one of several Halifax cab drivers who have been charged with sexual assault in recent years. THE CANADIAN PRESS



**Sayed Mirsaeid-Ghazi.**

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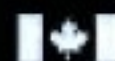
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30. DOWN UNDER  
29. ROLL WITH IT  
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27. UP WHERE WE BELONG  
26. ALL NIGHT LONG  
25. FOOTLOOSE  
24. COMING UP  
23. CALL ME  
22. HEAVEN  
21. A CRAZY LITTLE THING CALLED LOVE  
20. TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE HEART  
19. EYE OF THE TIGER  
18. LEAN ON ME  
17. FAITH  
16. KISS ON MY LIST  
15. ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE  
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# 'Shift' for an aging population

## FUNDING

## Premier talks new attitudes as province unveils \$13.6M plan

Dealing with an older population is as much about opportunities as it is about challenges, Nova Scotia Premier Stephen McNeil said Thursday as he announced a new \$13.6-million action plan he touted as a shift in attitudes about aging.

McNeil said the three-year plan, entitled "Shift," would help address issues confronting a province where more than one in four people will be 65 and over by 2030.

"Twenty-five per cent of our citizens between the ages of 65 and 69 are still working," McNeil told reporters.

"Twenty-five per cent of them are self-employed, creating opportunities for our sons and daughters to be able to stay in our communities."

The focus of the plan, which will be administered across eight government departments, is to help older Nova Scotians stay



Premier Stephen McNeil releases a strategy for seniors to keep them healthy and engaged in their communities during a visit to Fall River on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

connected to their communities by promoting healthy living and continued access to jobs.

It includes 50 initiatives aimed at such things as help-



There is a tremendous amount of talent and energy in an aging population. Premier Stephen McNeil

ing people stay in their homes longer, helping them access affordable and healthy foods, and promoting the benefits to employers of hiring older workers.

Other initiatives would seek mentorship opportunities for older adults and promote physical activity.

McNeil said the funding would be used for housing grant programs, community grants and also to assist transportation initiatives that address the needs of older people. He said part of the provincial money would also help the province access about \$21.4 million in federal funding for affordable housing.

Still, he said he realized there needs to be an ongoing commitment beyond the three-year funding window.

"This is really about looking at the opportunity in an aging population," McNeil said. "For far too long we've looked at it as a negative when in actual fact there is a tremendous amount of talent and energy in an aging population."

The plan follows consultations carried out last summer with more than 600 Nova Scotians. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## 'I'm helping with the community'

Penny MacAuley, whose photograph is on the cover of the plan, said her story is an example of the attitude being promoted.

The 65-year-old owner of Penelope's Boutique, said she began working in the consignment business after years as a singer-songwriter and television producer.

MacAuley said she ended up with her own business after being told by her previous employer that she was too old to relate to younger people.

"Here we are six years later and I have a great demographic, from 18-years-old to probably 80-years-old. The young people like me fine, they don't think I'm too old."

MacAuley said she has a 26-year-old shop assistant and has also used a co-op student from Citadel High School in Halifax for the last three years.

"I'm helping with the community," she said.

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## PORT ROYAL

## McNeil talks docu-drama drama

Nova Scotia's premier has added his voice to a growing chorus of complaints about a TV docu-drama about Canada's history.

Stephen McNeil says the CBC program, Canada: The Story of Us, was wrong to assert that the country's first permanent European settlement was established in 1608 near what is now Que-

bec City.

McNeil says the history of Canada started three years earlier, when French explorer Samuel de Champlain founded a settlement at Port Royal, N.S., which is part of his riding.

The premier says Canada's public broadcaster should correct the mistake, saying it's un-

fortunate when people try to rewrite history.

Earlier in the day, Nova Scotia's Acadian Federation issued a statement saying the first episode of the series misrepresented Canadian history, which the group says started in 1605 with the founding of Port Royal.

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People enjoy the flume ride at Upper Clements Park, which received a funding announcement this month. COURTESY UPPER CLEMENTS PARK

# Rough ride ahead for Liberals: Prof

## ELECTION

### Big spending unlikely to lift government's popularity



**Grace Gormley**  
For Metro | Halifax

The Liberal government could face an uphill battle once an election is called.

Mount Saint Vincent University political-science professor Jeffrey MacLeod believes there is "lingering damage" to the party. In an interview Thursday, he said there's no clear narrative for what will happen, something he wouldn't have said a year ago.

"There's a vulnerability there that wasn't previously there," he said.

MacLeod believes the issues Premier Stephen McNeil has had with teachers and regarding health care will have a lasting impact on his party. Although he didn't want to make any

predictions, MacLeod said it was clear the party's popularity has deteriorated.

In regards to election speculation, MacLeod said like everyone else, he's in the dark about when MacNeil will call an election.

On Wednesday, political-science professor Tom Urbaniak from Cape Breton University told Metro a spring election is a "very real scenario."

Urbaniak believes that if there is a spring election, it would likely be called within a few days of the budget being presented.

Metro reported on Wednesday that so far this month the government had announced more than \$16 million for projects and grants across the province. Two more announcements Thursday bring that total to more than \$29 million.

In February, the province doled out around \$750,000.

MacLeod said this wouldn't be the first time a government's spending went up as an election looms.

"Projects tend to get funded this time of year. It's a different dynamic," he said.

## FUNDING

The province kept the cash flowing with these announcements on Thursday:

■ \$13 million to the Action Plan for an Aging Population

■ \$150,000 to the former Cherry Brook Community Hall

There are also several funding announcements planned for Friday.

MacLeod believes people who follow politics are used to the "March Madness" that happens at the end of a fiscal year.

Although he describes the evidence as "certainly mixed," he doesn't think the spending announcements will transfer into votes.

"There's not really evidence that it will tip an election," he said.

## WINDSOR

# Birds and bees in backyards

Food enthusiasts in Windsor are absolutely buzzing about the latest bylaw change.

Property owners are now allowed to have up to four laying hens (no roosters) and a beehive on their property — if they meet certain restrictions and requirements.

During a public hearing on March 28, Windsor council asked for feedback before pass-

ing a second reading of the land-use bylaw amendment.

Nobody spoke against the idea, but several spoke in favour.

Anthony Wood, a resident of Windsor, said he was excited about the prospect of raising his own chickens.

"I've owned chickens before and really enjoyed it," Anthony said. "One, it serves an

educational purpose for my daughters. Two, it allows me to provide my own food to be a little more self-sustaining."

There are several rules and restrictions in place, such as the limit of four laying hens per household.

For potential beekeepers, they'll need 5,000 square feet of lot space to put in a hive.

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# She's got mail, and \$100,000 top prize

## DARTMOUTH

### Atlantic lotto finally tracks down woman via snail mail



**Yvette d'Entremont**  
Metro | Halifax

Dartmouth resident Diane Jordan could've missed out on \$100,000.

Jordan was the winner of the March 16 \$100,000 2Chance promotions draw, but Atlantic Lottery officials had trouble tracking her down.

Her phone was disconnected, emails went unanswered, and they couldn't find her via social media. In a media release, Atlantic Lottery officials said they finally sent a registered letter, which was successfully delivered to Jordan's Dartmouth home.

When Jordan read it, she thought she had a chance to

win the \$100,000. The letter urged her to call Atlantic Lottery's Customer Care Centre. She placed the call.

"The lady said 'Congratulations, I'm glad we found you.' She asked me to come to the office to fill out the paperwork to get my prize," Jordan recalled. "It hasn't really sunk in yet though."

Jordan works two jobs, both as a cleaner and a caregiver.

2Chance is a player loyalty program that allows players to submit non-winning and winning Scratch tickets into several draws for prizes. The program has been available for seven years.

During this round, the program awarded 96 prizes worth \$300,000 in total. Over a four-month period, prizes ranged from cash to gift cards, and travel to trucks. The program featured weekly escalating cash draws and held its final draw for \$100,000 on March 16 live on Facebook. Diane's ballot beat out more than 2.4 million entries submitted by approximately 30,000 members.



**Dartmouth resident Diane Jordan recently won \$100,000 in Atlantic Lottery's 2Chance contest.** CONTRIBUTED ALC

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## CRIME

### Residents warned of telephone scammers



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For Metro | Halifax

Halifax residents are being warned of a recent telephone scam after a man lost thousands of dollars.

In a media release, Halifax Regional Police said officers received a report on Tuesday around 7:47 p.m. that a 23-year-old man had got a phone call from someone claiming to be with Immigration Canada.

The caller told the man a complaint had been filed

against him, which would require legal representation worth hundreds of dollars. The victim was then asked to forward money through a money transfer. A follow-up call from a 'police officer' advised the man to send money or he would be arrested. The number on the call display was a general inquiries number from Halifax Regional Police, which is believed to be generated from a computer.

The victim followed through with the requests, believing them to be legitimate, and was defrauded thousands of dollars.



## Halifax DIGEST

### LAKE ECHO

#### Violent home invasion

Four masked suspects carrying handguns and a crowbar forced their way into a home in Lake Echo around 11 p.m. Wednesday, RCMP in Halifax said. They stole money and other items before fleeing. A 55-year-old man was assaulted with the crowbar. METRO

### ROAD SAFETY

#### Pedestrian injured

A 61-year-old man was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries after being struck by a truck with a plow attached near the intersection of Rufus Avenue and Dutch Village Road on Wednesday evening. The driver was given two tickets. METRO

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# Butcher back in court

## CRIME

### Case pushed back as accused in murder fires his lawyer

The case of a Halifax man charged with the second-degree murder of a Montreal-born yoga instructor will return to court next week.

Nicholas Jordan Butcher appeared briefly in Nova Scotia Supreme Court on Thursday and was remanded back into custody.

Pretrial arguments were expected to begin on Monday, but Butcher dismissed his lawyer.

Butcher told the court Thursday that he does not have another lawyer yet, and he was ordered to return to court next Thursday to provide an update. His trial is scheduled to

begin April 24.

Butcher was arrested the same day officers found Kristin Johnston, 32, dead inside her Halifax home last March.

He was rushed to hospital for treatment of injuries described as significant, but not life-threatening.

Police have said Butcher and Johnston were in a "domestic relationship" at the time of Johnston's death.

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## + VICTIM

Kristin Johnston moved to Halifax from Montreal and opened a Bikram yoga studio, gaining a reputation as a kind and determined businesswoman with what friends described as a "magnetic" personality.



Nicholas Jordan Butcher is escorted into Halifax Provincial Court in April 2016. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## DARTMOUTH

### Men tried to lure girl into car: Police



Zane Woodford  
Metro | Halifax

Police are looking for three men who they say tried to entice a young girl to get into their car in Dartmouth this week.

Halifax Regional Police say they got a call on Wednesday about an incident on Highfield Park Drive near Victoria Road at 6:50 p.m. on Tuesday.

They say a blue Mazda hatchback with a temporary permit slowed down next to a 15-year-old girl, and two passengers got out and "tried to talk with her and asked her to come with them."

The girl yelled at the men to get away, and then an older man heard her yelling and came over to help her. The men drove away in an unknown direction.

Police describe the driver of the vehicle as a black man in his 40s with "three small tattoos, either tear drops or stars, under his right eye," and the two passengers are described as black men in their 20s.

## + TIPS

Anyone with information is asked to call police or Crime Stoppers.

## SYDNEY

### Sex offender facing new charges involving child

A 50-year-old Cape Breton man, with prior convictions for sex offences, is now facing new sex offences after an incident Wednesday in Sydney involving a young child.

Trevor Patrick Brewer, 50, of Tarbot was remanded to jail Thursday from the emergency department at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital. A provincial court judge, prosecutor, on-duty defence counsel, a court reporter and sheriff deputies were present for the remand at the hospital. Brewer is now scheduled to have a bail hearing Monday.

Brewer's reason for being at the hospital was not immediately known. He is charged with com-

mitting an indecent act, exposing his penis, and with invitation to sexual touching involving a person under the age of 16.

The incident is alleged to have occurred Wednesday at a Sydney retail outlet and involves a four-year-old child.

In November, 2016, Brewer was given a seven-day sentence after pleading guilty to failing to register as a sex offender as ordered by a Superior Court of Ontario justice in 2011.

His prior sex offence convictions occurred in Ontario and included committing indecent acts, sexual assault and two counts of invitation to sexual touching. TC MEDIA

## IN BRIEF

### Two fires may be connected

Police say two separate fires at Alderney Manor this month may be connected. Halifax Regional Police said in a media release Thursday that they responded to a fire on Tuesday afternoon at 1

Alderney Dr. that couldn't be put out by those living inside. Police are also linking that small blaze to a fire at the same location on March 18 at about 5:30 p.m. No one was injured in either incident. BEN MACINTOSH/FOR METRO

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# Post-Brexit talks 'informal'

UNITED KINGDOM

## Minister says Canada not breaking any EU rules

Canada and Britain are holding informal free-trade talks, even though Britain is barred from direct negotiations before it formalizes its Brexit divorce from the European Union.

International Trade Minister Francois-Philippe Champagne said Thursday Canada isn't breaking any EU rules by doing that.

His comment comes one day after the president of the European Parliament warned Britain against any unilateral action, including trade talks, before it formalizes its departure, after serving written notice this week to negotiate its departure from the 28-country bloc.

Champagne said he's met three times with his British counterpart, Liam Fox, while their officials are also talking because continuing a trading relationship is in the best interest of both countries.

"We are working, respecting



International Trade Minister Francois-Philippe Champagne speaks with the media in Berlin in February. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

established rules, pursuant to EU law as well, but we are having informal talks with our British partners," the minister told the Senate trade committee on Thursday.

"Although they cannot negotiate formally, there's been dis-

cussions between our officials and I met Dr. Fox just recently at the Commonwealth meeting of trade ministers in London to make sure that something which is going well should continue," Champagne explained.

"We want to offer predictabil-

ity, stability."

Champagne's comments echo what Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said earlier this week — that Canada will continue to look for ways to deepen economic ties with Britain after it leaves the EU.

Britain is Canada's largest trading partner in Europe, with London serving as a major gateway to the continent.

Canada and Britain will become free trade partners in the coming months anyway when Canada ratifies the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement with the EU, because Britain remains a party to all EU treaties before its Brexit is finalized.

Champagne said Britain has not wavered in its support of CETA. The minister said almost all of the deal will come into force later this spring after Canada ratifies it.

But all of that is in flux after British Prime Minister Theresa May formally triggered Article 50 of the EU's founding treaty, which officially serves notice of her country's intent to leave the bloc.

The move also starts a two-year clock on negotiations, although many experts predict that the final departure agreement could take longer to finalize because of the deeply entwined relationship that has developed between Britain and the European continent since the 1970s. THE CANADIAN PRESS

WORKPLACE

## Mental health help valued by millennials



May Warren  
Metro | Toronto

Millennials are looking for mental health support at work, according to a new survey from Centennial College and non-profit CivicAction, and more likely than other generations to use these kinds of services.

An Angus Reid survey of 1,521 adults found almost two-thirds of millennials expect to access mental health services at work.

Lindsay Balbirnie, a Centennial College public relations student who worked on the project, said they commissioned the survey to shed light on the mental health issues in the workplace.

"What we wanted to do was kind of draw the attention to the employers who would be hiring," she said.

Sarah Harris, communications director for CivicAction, said many millennials are in "a big transition point" at the beginning of their careers, which can be tough.

## 'Praying' polar bear stuns photographer



JESSICA ANDREWS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jessica Andrews was scanning through dozens of photos she took of a polar bear roaming around her backyard when she came across one that stopped her in her tracks. The large animal was squatting beneath a white cross, its paws together and

raised skyward as it looked up in a seemingly reverential pose.

"When I started to go through to edit them, oh my God, I was like, 'Holy crap, he's praying!'" the 22-year-old said from her home in Wesleyville, Newfoundland. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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# Iceberg near-miss for oil platform

NEWFOUNDLAND

## Husky says crew was ready for potential disconnect

A floating oil platform off Newfoundland has had a near-miss with an iceberg the size of a small office building.

Husky Energy said a "medium size" iceberg came within 180 metres of the SeaRose FPSO at about 5:30 a.m. Wednesday.

"We had an iceberg pass close by our production facility," Husky's Colleen McConnell said Thursday.

"We've been monitoring this particular piece of ice for awhile. It changed direction at about two in the morning, and we obviously had to respond quickly."

The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board described the iceberg as 40 metres wide, 60 metres long and standing eight metres above the waterline.



An iceberg off the coast of Newfoundland in February 2016. An iceberg the size of a small office building came close to a Husky oil platform Wednesday morning. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

The massive, 270-metre SeaRose is Husky's lone oil-producing asset in the area. Built in 2004, the red-hulled, ship-like vessel can also store up to 940,000 barrels. The board says Husky de-pressurized production wells and flushed flowlines with treated seawater, while the crew mustered in preparation for a potential disconnect.

But the iceberg passed without incident and was more than 500 metres away by 6 a.m.

The board says it is discussing the near-miss with Husky.

Icebergs are monitored constantly in the area, about 350 kilometres east of St. John's in the Jeanne d'Arc Basin, McConnell said.

She said Husky uses satellite monitoring and dedicated surveillance flights to monitor for icebergs in what has been a busy season for them.

"There have been a number of icebergs in the area, we've been monitoring and managing those," she said. "Certainly, we've had a very busy number of days." THE CANADIAN PRESS

MILITARY

## Vance denies cash struggles

The country's top soldier has pushed back on suggestions the armed forces is struggling from a lack of cash, saying he's not convinced it is making the most of the money it already gets.

Yet chief of defence staff Gen. Jonathan Vance says he is also eager to see the government's new defence policy, which has promised to put the military on a strong financial footing over the long term.

"The here and now is fine, we're delivering," Vance said in an interview with The Canadian Press. "But going forward, that's when the government committed to sustainable, progressive armed forces."

The question of military spending has taken on a life of its own over the last year, after U.S. President Donald Trump called on NATO allies to contribute more to their own defence.

Canada currently spends about one per cent of its GDP on defence, which is half the agreed-upon NATO target of two per cent and puts it in the bottom half among the allies.

Rather than increase defence spending, however, last week's federal budget saw the Liberal government delay hundreds of millions of dollars in planned equipment purchases by several years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Women and young girls wash clothes while others collect water in one of the hosting communities for internally displaced people in Maiduguri, Nigeria. Women and children have suffered most from the Boko Haram insurgency. Many of them are suffering from food insecurity and a lack of clean water and medical care. GETTY IMAGES

# Situation not 'unsolvable'

United Nations warns that more than five million people in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe are facing a food emergency



**Gilbert Ngabo**  
Metro | Toronto

The trip was meant to instill some hope in an otherwise dire environment. Instead, it left Nene Akinten with serious concerns about the future.

"It was a very bad situation, but I could tell it was going to get worse," said Akinten, an Oakville resident originally from Nigeria.

Last year she teamed up with members of Relief International Nigeria Women in Diaspora to collect donations for the country's internally displaced people. With her three kids, they visited four camps and spent days tutoring children and interacting

with people who had fled both the Boko Haram violence and starvation.

It was a "gloomy" experience, said Akinten. Malnutrition was rampant. Subsisting on donations, no one could afford three meals a day. She heard people were already dying from lack of food in the northeastern states.

Now her fears have been confirmed. The United Nations has warned over five million people in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe face a food emergency, and famine could break out by June. Insecurity is a big part of the problem, as close to two million residents have been forced out of their households and can no longer work on farming.

"If you don't die from hunger

then these Boko Haram people will kill you. It's crazy," said Mustapha Daodu, an Edmonton-based reggae musician. Some of his family members still live in Borno, and he regularly sends money to support them.

"I'm really worried this whole famine will spread to the rest of the country very soon," he added.

Katherine Clark, who recently returned from a four-month assignment with Doctors Without Borders (MSF) in northeast Nigeria, said the conflict has damaged infrastructure and made it difficult for people to access humanitarian aid.

"These aren't unsolvable problems," she said. "I don't think anybody should really go hungry in the world today."



Nene Akinten, centre in green, visited four camps last year as part of an effort to help those affected by food shortages in northeast Nigeria. CONTRIBUTED

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Nigerian-Canadians across the country are leading efforts to collect funds.

**Relief International Nigeria Women in Diaspora** continues to co-ordinate relief efforts for those affected by the food shortage. Contact [akintanfamily@gmail.com](mailto:akintanfamily@gmail.com) for more information.

**MSF-Canada** provides medical and humanitarian assistance to people in the four states and other parts of northern Nigeria. More at [msf.ca](http://msf.ca)

**Action Against Hunger** runs emergency food and nutrition programs in northern Nigeria and other countries facing famine. More at [actioncontrelafaim.ca](http://actioncontrelafaim.ca)

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U.S. President Donald Trump reacts with Secretary Tom Price and Vice President Mike Pence after Republicans abruptly pulled their health-care bill from the House floor on March 24, in Washington, DC. GETTY IMAGES

# Republican name game

Those on the right seem to think Trump is doing just fine

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD  
From the U.S.

It was revealed, as U.S. President Donald Trump's kindergarten collage of a health-care bill collapsed last week under the warm reception of a toenail-clippings sandwich, that many Trump voters have an unusual malady.

They cannot comprehend that one bill could have two names. Many, upon hearing that the Republicans were going to repeal the Affordable Care Act and strip them of access to expanded Medicaid last week, balked. You see, they thought it was Obamacare that was supposed to get the heave-ho. They didn't realize they were the same thing.

Let's give a round of applause for Fox News. The natural home of the Republican party and anti-Obamacare sentiment.

The network synonymous with sexual assault lawsuits might be viewed among some Canadians as an unfortunate quirk of the U.S. media landscape, a bit of discolouring on an otherwise perfectly serviceable dress.

It is not. Or rather, Fox News is the acid spew that threatens to ruin the entire thing: It is the most-watched news network in the U.S., and growing. The Los Angeles Times reported in late December that year-end numbers showed that "Fox News Channel was the most-watched network in all of cable with an average of 2.43 million viewers in prime time, up 36 per cent over last year."

Certainly, there's a distinction to be made between the thousands of local news reporters and programs, and the national news reporting

teams, and people like Bill O'Reilly, the grubby-faced Fox News star.

But it is O'Reilly's brand of ... loyalty, to use Trump's favourite word, that currently characterizes the American right. This week, the president faced the kind of approval ratings you'd reserve mostly for people who don't pick up after their dogs: 36 per cent by March 24, according to Gallup.

Among Republicans, however, his support is soaring around the 90 per cent mark, down only 5 per cent week-to-week after the health-care bill flopped.

To recap: The president with an historically low overall approval rating is doing just fine, according to his base, according to polls. Certainly, we know enough at this point not to take polling at the same face value that you reserve for your tarot cards, but the sentiment — that some Trump voters believe he's doing a good job, and everything wrong in his first few months is someone else's fault — has been borne out by reporting. When radio-God-among-us Tom Ashbrook took his call-in show to Miami in mid-March, an older man who voted for Trump put it this way: "If (the democrats) allow him to do what he has in mind, he may be one of the best presidents in terms of bringing the economy back like it's supposed to be, that we've ever had."

Meanwhile, Breitbart News is gunning for Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, publishing every bad bit of news they can find on the GOP bill under the banner of "RyanCare."

At this rate, Trump might end up becoming the only president ever impeached, whilst entirely innocent. According to some.

## Global digest

### GERMANY Far-right party urges supporters to infiltrate police

A far-right party is urging its supporters to join the police force in the German state of Saxony to obtain information about migrants accused of committing crimes.

In January, Germany's highest court ruled the National Democratic Party's goals run counter to the country's constitution.

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### SYRIA Number of Syrian refugees tops 5 million mark

The number of Syrians who have fled their country has surpassed the 5-million mark, the UNHCR said Thursday. A year ago at Geneva conference participating countries pledged to "resettle and facilitate pathways for 500,000 refugees" from Syria, but only half of those places have been allocated so far.

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### UNITED STATES Judge extends temporary order blocking travel ban

A U.S. judge in Hawaii is keeping U.S. President Donald Trump's travel ban on hold while the state's lawsuit works its way through the courts.

U.S. District Judge Derrick Watson issued a 24-page order Wednesday extending his temporary order blocking the ban.

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### SOMALIA Pentagon gets OK for more aggressive airstrikes

U.S. President Donald Trump has granted the U.S. military more authority to go after al-Qaida linked militants in Somalia, approving a Pentagon request to allow more aggressive airstrikes, officials said Thursday. Portions of southern Somalia, excluding Mogadishu, will be considered a warzone, officials said.

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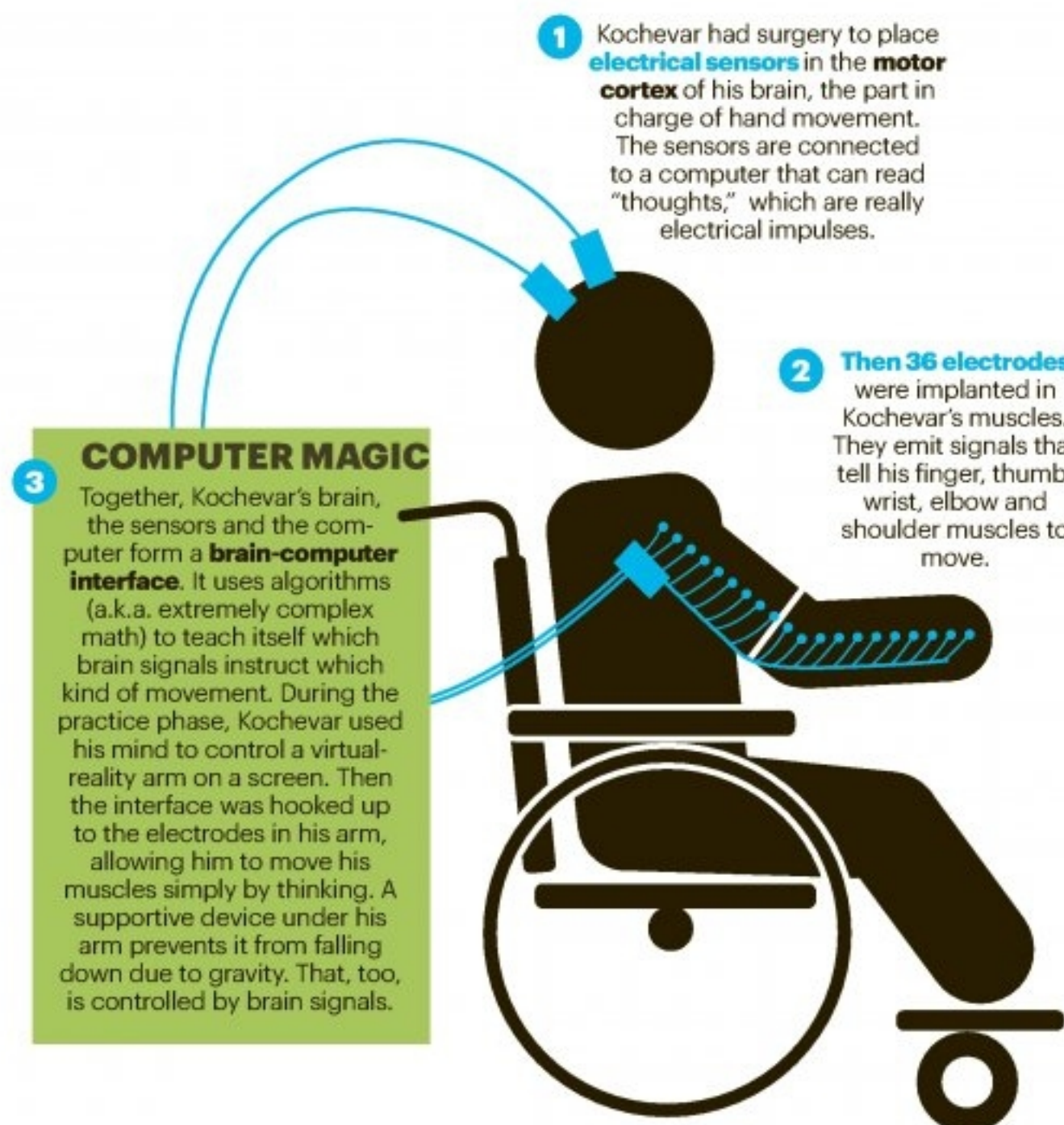
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This one-person study, published this week in the journal *The Lancet*, is the first time brain sensors and muscle electrodes have been used at the same time to restore reaching and grasping movements to a person with complete paralysis. The technology is not ready for use outside the lab, but that hasn't quelled Kochevar's enthusiasm. He said, "I'm still wowed every time I do something. I ate a pretzel. I drank water."

### FINDINGS Your week in science



#### PLAYING CHICKEN WITH JUPITER

It's name is BeeZed, and it's one gutsy little asteroid. A new University of Western Ontario study found the object is orbiting the sun in the opposite direction of other asteroids in its neighbourhood (picture a car driving the wrong way down the highway, with 6,000 cars coming in the other direction), and its path takes it very close to Jupiter. But it hasn't collided because it's thrown off, thankfully, by the giant planet's gravity.

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#### DEFINITION

**Epigenetics** is the study of how genes are switched on and off. You can't change the genetic code you inherited from your parents. But your environment can change how genes are expressed.

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Carlos's identical twin is a faster runner and has a higher IQ than him. They have the same genetic code, so those differences are probably due to **epigenetics**.

CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

## Famine isn't over when it's over

Twenty million people are at risk of starvation as famines sweep Nigeria, Somalia, Yemen and South Sudan.

Canadians, richly blessed as we are, should be giving more than our fair share to help stop the suffering — for the sake of the victims, their children and even their grandkids.

That's because when the immediate crisis passes, it won't actually be in the past. An emerging body of science shows starvation leaves invisible scars, layered on the genes of famine victims.

Starvation and nutrient deficiency profoundly alter our body chemistry, including by disturbing the precisely regulated process of turning particular genes on and off at particular times. This DNA on/off switch is called **methylation** — a process of sticking certain molecules onto genes to change their function.

We don't exactly know why methylation gets messed up during starvation, but we've seen the results: Poor health outcomes among people who live through famine. It's especially acute for

children whose mothers were starved during pregnancy. And those changes can be passed on. Tragically, history has left researchers with no shortage of natural experiments.

Children who were in the womb during the Dutch Hunger Winter of 1944-1945 grew up to have higher risk of heart disease, obesity and schizophrenia. Their children were more likely to be born too small, yet grew up to suffer disproportionately from obesity.

Children of mothers who lived

through China's calamitous 1959-1961 famine suffer from hyperglycemia at double the normal rate. The same is true of their children. Research on victims of the 1974-1975 famine in Bangladesh suggests this effect may be due to methylation of the PAX8 gene, which regulates the thyroid and is involved in metabolism.

I could go on. But do you really need another reason to support famine relief?

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## ANALYSIS

### More Life is the soundtrack to an evolving music industry



**Joe Callaghan**  
For Metro | Toronto

The great and the good of Canadian music will gather this weekend in the nation's capital and vie for Album of the Year Junos — 25 of them, to be exact.

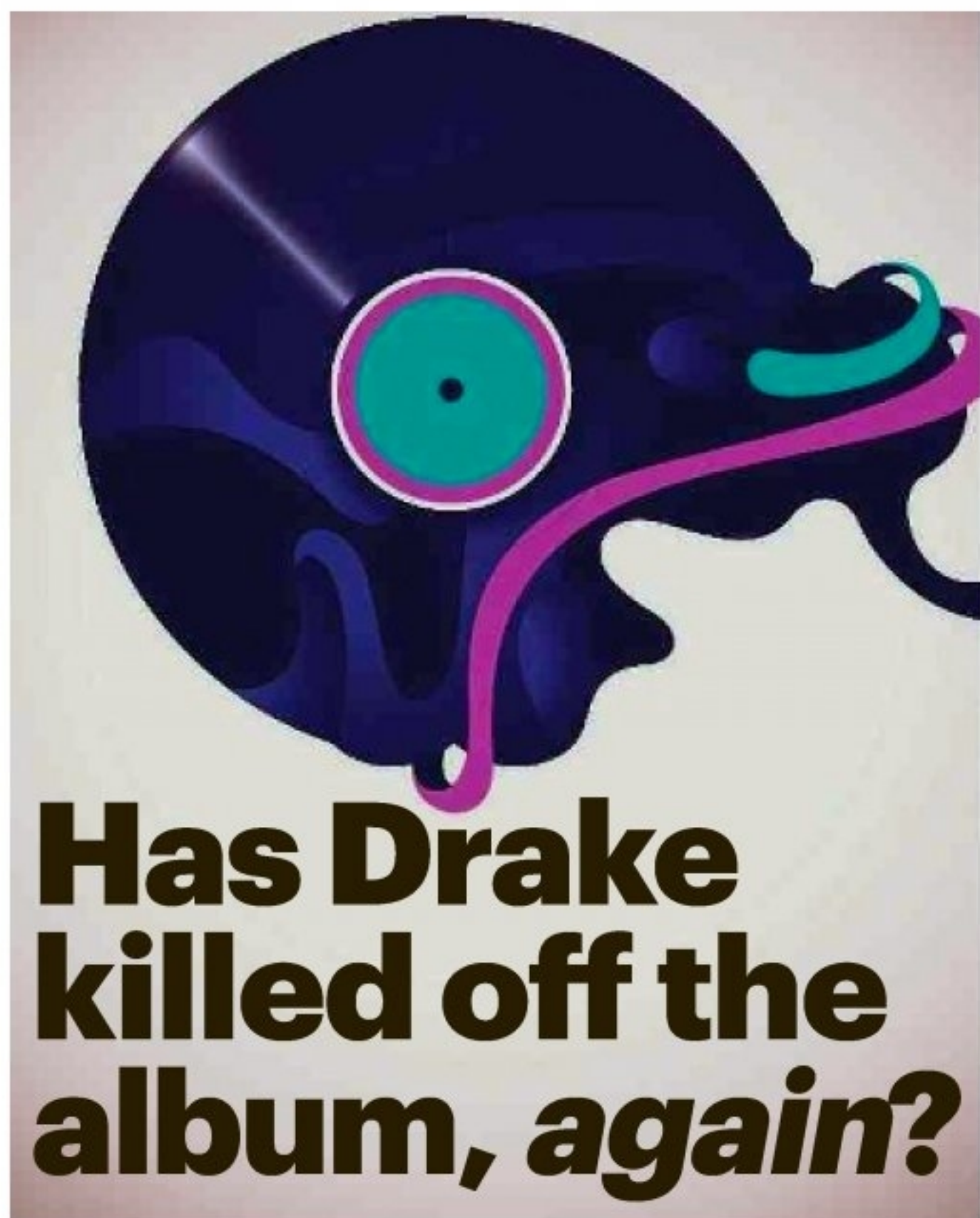
We shouldn't be surprised that with so many genres to trundle through, it takes two full days for the Juno Awards to run their annual course. The exhaustive list of contenders for various album honours is all the more impressive given the most perplexing question facing today's music industry: do we even know what an album is any more?

The 2017 Junos take place at a time when the country's Billboard Album Chart isn't even topped by an album. Drake's *More Life* was released March 18 and immediately went in at No. 1.

But Canada's hip hop king insists the 22-track collection is not an album. Nor is it another mixtape (to go with the four of those that he's already released). Instead *More Life*, fittingly for the streaming era, is a playlist. And it's a hell of a playlist.

*More Life* is an expansive, expressive journey that won quick critical acclaim and further cemented the Toronto rapper's status as a visionary talent. But through that vision, Drake continues to blur the lines.

"The idea of an album is something that's a relic, right?" says Mark Campbell, a professor in the school of media at Ryerson University and the founding



## Has Drake killed off the album, again?

director of Northside Hip Hop Archive, a digital anthology of Canadian hip hop and culture.

"It's something that's not relevant to young people today. But Drake continually pushes up against this idea of an album — his mixtapes, now his

playlists. I think it's because he senses that his audience needs to be engaged in a different way. It's really only people like me who are 35 or 40-plus who are actually interested in hearing a cohesive album."

The death of the album has

been declared on an all too regular basis since the dawn of digital music. Drake's own 2015 release *If You're Reading This It's Too Late* was a mixtape that was nominated for a Grammy. Kanye West's *The Life of Pablo* was "a living, breathing creative



Drake's *More Life* playlist tops the album charts. GETTY IMAGES

expression." Critics pointed to both as signalling the official end of the traditional album.

Last year's industry statistics sum up just how altered the music environment is in the streaming age. In Canada alone, more songs were streamed per day (97M) than were purchased over the entire year (75M.) Total album sales for 2016 (including physical copies, downloads and streams) reached 43.3M but that figure was dwarfed by the 22.3BN total audio streams, according to the in-depth report by BuzzAngle Music.

"The industry didn't really take the album as an artform seriously until the mid 1960s with the Beatles and the Stones and the *Summer of Love*," Eric Alper, veteran music publicist and analyst, told Metro. "But if you take a look at the superstar artists of today — the Weeknd, Drake, Justin Bieber, Alessia Cara, Shawn Mendes — it's all about the single. It's all about what song are we going to put out now."

It's an environment in which the album as once known by baby boomers and Gen X seems almost quaint. This summer in Canada U2 will kick off a worldwide stadium tour in honour of the 30th anniversary of their flagship album, *The Joshua Tree*.

But with *More Life* Drake may also be harking back in his own way — to the golden

age of the hip hop mixtape — to stay ahead.

"In one way he's trying to gesture himself forward as someone who is relatable to kids that may have never physically purchased music in their life," says Campbell. "Kids of 17, 18 years old who would never have had the experience of buying a CD."

By calling it a playlist, Drake is branding it as something intimate or personal, Campbell adds.

"When Obama has a playlist on Spotify, it tells you everything we need to know about the era we're living in. People are so detached from each other digitally that we have to find new ways to reconnect. A playlist is a way to do it. Just like the mixtape was."

Alper argues that we shouldn't get so hung up on definitions but embrace the organic meaning of an album and celebrate this era of mass consumption.

"Music has never been more consumed, more talked about at any other time in its history. For \$10 I can have access to every single song in recorded history — that's a brilliant thing. So (the album) is whatever the artist wants it to be and it's whatever the fan thinks that it is. We just want to make sure that artists continue to get paid and we have great music at our fingertips."

## MUSIC INDUSTRY

### Lack of gender diversity a big issue: Brilla

Alysha Brilla wasn't surprised by the lack of female representation when this year's Juno Awards nominees were announced.

Years ago, the Waterloo, Ont.-based musician and producer decided to conduct an experiment. She carefully tabulated the gender diversity among Juno nominees and found there wasn't much at all, particularly in the technical categories, which were completely dominated by men.

After scrolling through this year's list of contenders, she concluded little has changed.

"I don't want to see women take over the industry. I want to see a balance," says Brilla, a two-time Juno nominee for best adult contemporary album.

Album categories including country, adult alternative, francophone, classical, contemporary Christian, rap, R&B/soul and reggae all only have one female nominee each. Both the engineer and producer of the year categories don't have a single female nominee.

When Brilla raised the issue with Junos brass in the past the

response she got shocked her.

Representatives said better diversity at the Junos would only happen if more women became members of the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences.

"The woman on the phone said to me, 'We don't have a lot of female voters so if you could find us some, that would be great,'" Brilla remembers.

"So I went out and did the work. I solicited every woman I knew who was technically qualified. I asked artist friends, production friends and brought back a

couple to them."

She waited until the next year to see if her efforts made a difference in the list of Juno nominees. They didn't, she says.

Last year, Millan drew attention to a lack of women among the 2016 Juno nominees with the Twitter hashtag #JunosSoMale, a nod to the #OscarsSoWhite movement. It was quickly embraced by other musicians.

"I did not expect it to garner nationwide attention," Millan says. "It opened a floodgate of questions." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Alysha Brilla, a two-time Juno nominee for best adult contemporary album, found there is a lack of gender diversity among Juno nominees. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS



# The noble, familiar fight of The Zookeeper's Wife

## WARTIME DRAMA

**Based on a true story, film explores anti-Nazi war efforts**

Antonina Zabinski has an idyllic life.

At the Warsaw zoo that she and her husband Jan run, she nurses lion cubs in her home and a young camel dutifully accompanies her as she bicycles on her daily rounds tending to the animals.

All that changes dramatically with the German invasion of Poland and the advent of the Second World War.

Based on a true story, *The Zookeeper's Wife* chronicles the couple's efforts to res-

cue Jews from the infamous Warsaw ghetto and to further risk their own lives by housing them secretly in a basement hideout.

"That's why I love animals so much. You look in their eyes and see exactly what's in their hearts," notes Antonina (played by Jessica Chastain).

Certainly, Antonina begins to see the worst in the human beings around her, personified in the form of Lutz Heck (Daniel Bruhl), the chief zoologist for the Nazi regime.

She reluctantly forms an uneasy relationship — one that hints of romance — when Heck nearly uncovers the presence of others in the family home. Inevitably, it causes strains in her marriage.

Director Niki Caro does



an able job of capturing the period detail and creating an atmosphere of tension and danger.

Chastain is an appealing protagonist, radiating an aura of determination in the face of uncertainty and adversity — and getting the Polish accent just right.

Johan Heldenbergh plays Jan with a quiet stoicism and strength and the relationship between the two is believable.

The weak link may be the performance of Bruhl as Heck, a character who's more oily than menacing, making him a less-than-persuasive villain.

The film details several key dates in the couple's years-long struggle but their significance won't always be clear to filmgoers without detailed historical knowledge.

History may in fact be the film's biggest challenge in drawing an audience. The period and the monstrous persecution and extermination of Europe's Jews have been covered extensively and memorably in so many other previous films.

While *The Zookeeper's Wife* is a reasonably accomplished work, it would be difficult to argue that it breaks new ground or offers a fresh perspective on those horrific times.

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**The Zookeeper's Wife stars Jessica Chastain and Johan Heldenbergh and opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED**

**“That’s why I love animals so much. You look in their eyes and see exactly what’s in their hearts.”**

Antonina, played by Jessica Chastain

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# From the mouths of film babies

NEW RELEASE

**Alec Baldwin isn't the first to lend his voice to a newborn**

**Richard Crouse**  
For Metro Canada



In the movies anything is possible. Superheroes routinely save the earth, regular folks can afford to live in fancy New York apartments and infants can talk.

This weekend Alec Baldwin lends his distinctive, raspy voice to the title character of *The Boss Baby*. Based on a 36-page book by Marla Frazee, it's a feature length riff on *Look Who's Talking* as imagined by *Family Guy*'s Stewie Griffin.

"I may look like a baby but I was born all grown up," *Boss Baby* boasts as he drops into the Templeton family, upsetting only child Tim's carefree life. Wearing a suit onesie, BB carries a briefcase and speaks the language of the boardroom.

Seems he's from a purveyor of fine babies, a company that supplies tots via a chute. Those who giggle when tickled are placed with families, those who don't, like *Boss Baby*, are sentenced to a Kafka-esque, humourless life in BabyCorp management, kept infant-sized by special formula.

With lines like, "You know who else wears a diaper? Astronauts," *Boss Baby* has the movie's best speeches, expertly delivered by Baldwin but he's not the first talking baby to grace the big screen.

Leone LeDoux was an actor who, when she wasn't voicing Minnie Mouse in cartoons of the 1930s and 1940s, made a career out of supplying baby vocals for movies. Some, like her work in the short *Water Babies*, involved creating childlike sounds for on screen infants while others were more involved. In *The Reluctant Dragon* she gives voice to child genius Baby Weems.

"You're a quiet little fellow, aren't you?" coos the nurse.

"Well, there really isn't much to talk about," replies Weems.

Other movie babies have had more to say.

Amy Heckerling came up with the idea for the Citizen Kane of talking toddler movies, *Look Who's Talking*, when she and screenwriter husband Neal Israel were playing with their new baby. "My husband and I started to put words in her mouth...what she might be thinking based on her expressions," she told the *Los Angeles Times*.

The playful game blossomed into a film starring Kristie Alley, John Travolta and Bruce Willis as the voice of talking newborn Mikey. Heckerling notes that Willis frequently went off script, improvising X-rated lines that couldn't be used in the film.

The movie gave Travolta's career a shot in the arm — he hadn't acted in five years — and started a talking baby trend in pop culture. The next year the sitcom *Baby Talk* starred the vocal stylings of Tony Danza as Baby Mickey, son of single mom Maggie.

More recently the baritone voiced E-Trade baby, frequently voiced by comedian Pete Holmes, looked to Heckerling's movie for inspiration.

From 2008 to 2014 Elayne Rapping, professor of American Studies at SUNY/Buffalo says the spokesbaby "humanized the whole business of trading. While other babies are just pictures, this one has a personality that is pure pop culture."

Finally, back on the big screen *Baby Geniuses* sees Kathleen Turner and Christopher Lloyd as scientists who think that babies are born knowing the secrets of the universe.

To learn those secrets they try to decode goo-goo-ga-ga baby talk. Roger Ebert put this movie on his "Most Hated" list and the *Stinkers* bad Movie Awards nominated Leo, Gerry and Myles Fitzgerald, the triplets who played Sly, the baby genius, as Worst Child Performer.



Miles Bakshi lends his voice to Tim, while Alec Baldwin voices the titular Boss Baby in the new Dreamworks animated film. DREAMWORKS ANIMATION VIA AP

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Scarlett Johansson plays a conflicted and butt-kicking cyborg in the new live-action take on manga/anime classic *Ghost in the Shell*. CONTRIBUTED

# What's beneath the sexy surface

## REVIEW

### Casting saves live-action take on manga-anime classic

Anime exemplar *Ghost in the Shell* was a singular sensation in 1995, boldly anticipating the coming digital world even as it revisited old ideas of human minds inhabiting machine forms.

The new live-action take, starring Scarlett Johansson as a conflicted and butt-kicking cyborg, isn't quite so innovative. The film slavishly revisits not

only the original inspiration but such other sci-fi landmarks as *Blade Runner* and *Metropolis*, creating an unsettling feeling not unlike the "uncanny valley" effect more common to photorealistic animation.

With Rupert Sanders at the helm, a situation akin to his earlier *Snow White* and the *Huntsman* ensues. The picture looks great, with seamless CGI and artful imagery, but the committee-written screenplay is of artificial rather than intelligent design.

Casting saves the movie, notwithstanding the thorny issue of cultural appropriation. Johansson plays a character, known variously as Mira

and Major, who was originally drawn as Asian, right back to the 1989 manga that spawned what has become a multimedia franchise.

But talent trumps optics, as Tilda Swinton proved in *Doctor Strange*, and ScarJo has bona fides to spare: she honed her action chops in *The Avengers*, rocked alien animus in *Under the Skin* and clicked a computing mind in *She*.

Kudos, too, for an uncommonly good supporting cast. Juliette Binoche exudes empathy as not-so-mad scientist Dr. Ouelet, who refines the "cerebral salvage" technique that places the surviving brain of fatally injured Mira — victim

of a terrorist attack, she's told — into the curvaceous "shell" of super-soldier Major. She'll be joining the terrorist-fighting Section 9 unit of her Asian metropolis, where humans, machines and holograms jostle.

Mira/Major's male foils are macho yet still interesting: Denmark's Pilou Asbaek makes a mean sidekick Batou, despite sporting artificial peepers that regrettably recall *Little Orphan Annie*; Michael Pitt's brings an Island of Misfit Toys melancholy to his Kuze character, whose subterranean presence and slowly revealed motivations bring needed emotion; and Japanese actor/director "Beat" Takeshi Kitano makes

the most of very few words as the unbending Ministry of Defence official who controls Section 9.

All are in service, alas, of a story drawn from an Existentialism 101 course outline, wherein Mira/Major keeps trying to figure out how much of her is human, how much is machine and who's fooling who?

She keeps talking about how she's "the first of her kind," but that sounds even more derivative than it did in 1995. The conceit of a human mind inside of a mechanical body is almost as old as the movies, dating back to the Maria/Maschinenmensch dual character of Fritz Lang's *Metropolis*,

released in 1927.

Mira/Major's government and corporate overlords, of course, would prefer she concentrate more on doing than thinking. When she stops brooding and gets clobbering, she does so in spectacular fashion, taking on creeps that include a brain-sucking mechanical geisha and a humungous robot spider.

She does it all while dressed in a nude bodysuit that makes her look for all the world like a giant unclothed Barbie doll, an unnecessary concession to series fidelity. Then as now, it's about nothing more than fanboy titillation.

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### Is Hudson Bay a portal to another dimension?

Sean Plummer

Moving there won't mean you suddenly weigh a lot less (or get one bit skinner), but the fact that gravity is demonstrably lower in Canada's Hudson Bay is certainly notable.

Scientists first noticed the anomaly back in the 1960s while conducting a global gravity survey.

Could it be a portal to another dimension, wondered

conspiracy theorists? Well, that explanation was as good as any until 2007 when new satellite data helped scientists come up with a slightly more plausible view.

Around 10,000 years ago, the Laurentide Ice Sheet, which covered present-day Canada and much of the northern U.S. in miles-thick ice, weighed so much that it displaced rocks across a huge area. Ever since, the Earth has been rebounding ever so slightly, but that lack of mass has meant lower gravity readings in the area.

Add to this the fact that continental convection currents are slowly dragging down tectonic plates into the Earth, and you have what's not exactly an anti-gravity area, but a cool Canadian curiosity.



Gravity is demonstrably lower in Canada's Hudson Bay. ISTOCK

## Santa lives here!

Of course Santa Claus is a Canadian. He even has his own postal code to prove it: H0H 0H0.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau declared the same in Parliament back in 2013 when discussion turned to the Russians wanting to step up military activity in Santa's backyard.

The NDP declared Santa to be a "citizen of the world," but we are behind Justin on this one. Besides, why else would he be wearing red and white?

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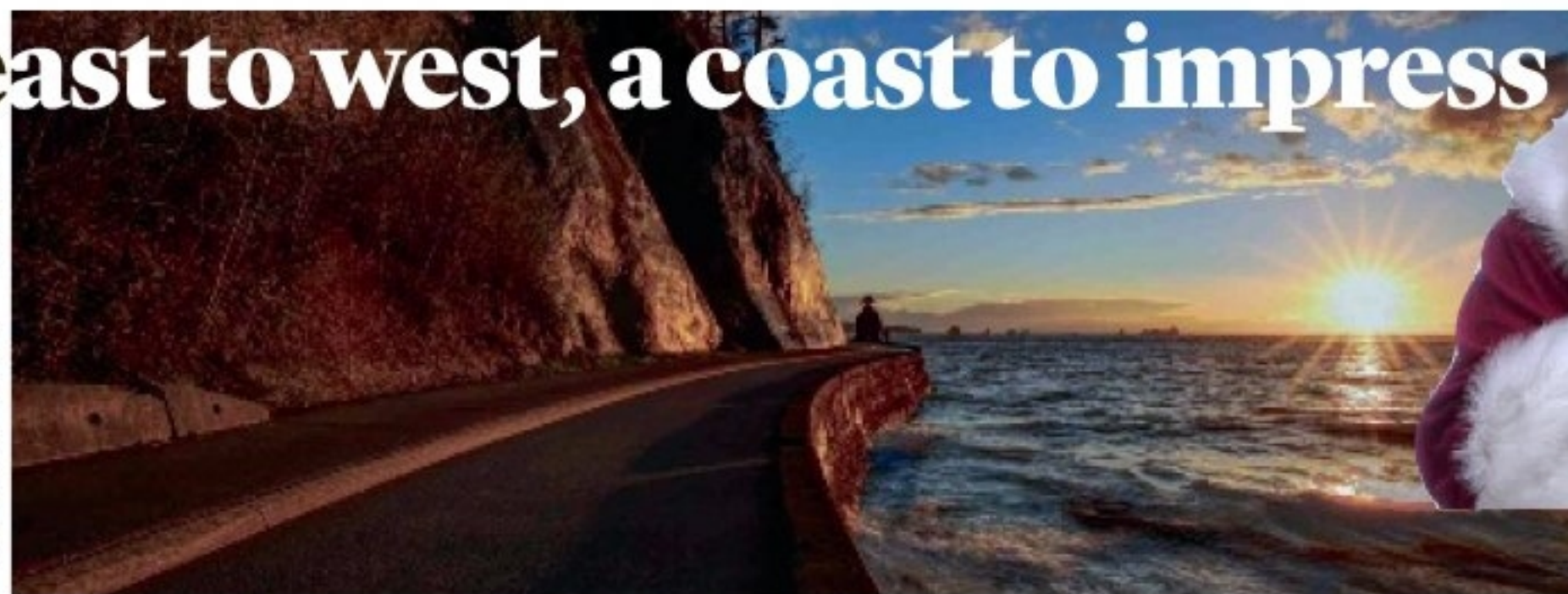
## From east to west, a coast to impress

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## The *chill* of the chase

### ADVENTURE

#### A man's race to see all 46 parks in Canada's 150th year

**John Honderich**  
For Metro Canada



Winter, as it turns out, is a spectacular time to visit Canada's national parks.

You just have to be prepared to navigate through periodic snow blasts, gale force winds, an avalanche warning here and there, and icy roads. But the rewards are nothing short of breathtaking, particularly in the mountains.

And heck, we are the North. Winter is us, part of our soul. Which is why I decided to visit 10 parks this winter as part of my yearlong odyssey to visit (hopefully) all 46 of Canada's national parks and reserves in honour of our country's 150th birthday.

My itinerary took me to four provinces — Alberta, British Columbia, Quebec and Ontario. My criteria were parks that offered either breathtaking vistas, superb cross-country skiing, intriguing animal experiments (bison breeding) or rugged new terrain.

I was never disappointed, except the one time I was not able to track down the bison herd in Elk Island National Park, just outside Edmonton. It turned out the herd had been shepherded to a remote corner of this postage stamp-sized park. So I had to make do with the stuffed baby bison in the visitors' centre.

The Rocky Mountains in winter have always been an amazing lure, partly for the skiing but mostly for the dramatic kaleidoscope of vistas. There is just something about mile after mile of towering snow-clad cedar forests encircling snow-capped mountains. This explains why I decided to start my odyssey in the Alberta Rockies on New Year's.

My first national park was Waterton Lakes, nestled among majestic peaks at the U.S. border, a few hours south of Calgary.

And it was en route to Waterton that I learned my first enduring lesson. Travelling to these parks takes you to unexpected sites, hidden gems and famous place names you simply hadn't anticipated.

The trip to Waterton, for example, along Alberta's stunning Highway 22, led me to Pincher Creek, which just happens to be the birthplace of a former assistant as well as Canada's Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin.



One of the most spectacular routes in the world, Icefields Parkway winds its way through two national parks. ISTOCK

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A few kilometres farther along were signs to Crowsnest Pass, a route synonymous in Canadian history with freight rates and mountain slides. I just had to drive through. Later, I would drive through Kicking Horse Pass in Yoho Park and the highest, Rogers Pass, in Glacier National Park. A trifecta of Canadian railway history.

A different surprise came en route to Bruce Peninsula Park, at the northernmost tip of the Niagara escarpment in Ontario. There, in the Georgian Bay town of Wiarton, was a huge statue in honour of Wiarton Willy, Ontario's foremost predictive groundhog.

And driving back from La Mauricie Park along the shores

of the mighty Saint-Maurice River in Quebec, I happened upon a museum to native son Jean Chrétien in Shawinigan. It contained all the gifts the former prime minister received while in office. It was closed for the season.

When it comes to majesty, there is still nothing that matches the mountain splendour of the Icefields Parkway in Jasper. On a frigid, minus-30-degree, cloudless day, the mountains seemed almost to explode in full glory.

Indeed that feeling would reoccur during several drives through the four contiguous national parks — Jasper, Banff, Yoho and Kootenay — that form the

Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site.

Throw in two nearby B.C. parks — Glacier National Park and Mount Revelstoke National Park — and you are left almost breathless by the winter splendour. So, all in all, a good start to my four-season odyssey.

And if I do manage to visit all 46 parks, Parks Canada says I might even get a lifetime pass!

This is one in a series of columns by John Honderich, chairman of the board of Torstar, as he attempts to visit all of Canada's national parks during the country's 150th birthday year.

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## FIGURE SKATING

### Chan sits in third after short program

Canada's Patrick Chan made his one quadruple jump, a big one, at the Hartwell Arena in Helsinki.

The three-time world champion sat third after Thursday's men's short program at the world figure skating championships, planting himself in podium contention with the textbook skills and gorgeous execution that once made him the world's best.



Patrick Chan  
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"I was trying to stick to my plan," Chan said.

"My whole goal this year was to try and challenge myself just to stay in my own world and know that I belong in this group of men, and not get too discouraged."

Defending champion Javier Fernandez of Spain scored 109.05 to win the short program, while Japan's Shoma Uno (104.86) was second. Each had a pair of clean quads.

Canada's Eric Radford and partner Meagan Duhamel held on to finish seventh in pairs at the world figure skating championships. The two-time world champs finished with 206.06 points for their shaky program.

Canada's Lubov Ilyushechkina and Dylan Moscovitch finished sixth. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Team Canada, Gushue one of worlds favourites

### CURLING

#### Newfoundland skip, Gallant, Nichols, Walker all decorated

Brad Gushue and his teammates have plenty of experience wearing the Maple Leaf even though they're set to make their first appearance at the world men's curling championship.

Gushue and third Mark Nichols won Olympic gold at the Turin Games in 2006, five years after winning a world junior title together. Second Brett Gallant skipped Canada to world junior silver in 2009 and lead Geoff Walker played third on the national team skipped by Charley Thomas that won world junior gold in 2006.

The foursome from St. John's will be podium favourites when the 2017 world men's play-downs begin Saturday at the Northlands Coliseum. The Brier champions are joined by coach Jules Owchar, team leader Rick Lang and alternate Tom Sallows.

"Lots of experience with in the room," Gushue said. "I don't think there's going to be anything that's really going to surprise us."

Earlier this month, Gushue edged Kevin Koe 7-6 to win the national men's title for the first time in 14 tries. He became the first Newfoundland skip to



Brad Gushue, left, Mark Nichols, Brett Gallant and Geoff Walker receive the Brier Tankard after winning the men's national championship on March 12. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

hoist the Brier Tankard since Jack MacDuff in 1976.

Gushue's team came through despite the pressure and distractions that came with playing in their hometown.

They also played hurt as Gushue has been dealing with a hip/groin issue and Walker's sweeping abilities were hampered by a right shoulder injury.

"To win this one, it doesn't

seem to make much sense," Gushue said. "I think it really showed that our team has a lot of grit and determination."

The top-ranked team will look to build on that success in Edmonton. Sweden's Niklas Edin, Switzerland's Peter de Cruz and Scotland's David Murdoch are also expected to contend for podium spots.

Edin, who won Olympic bronze at the 2014 Sochi

Games, won world titles in 2013 and 2015. De Cruz won a world junior title in 2010 while Murdoch took Olympic silver in 2014 and is a two-time world men's champion ('06, '09).

The 12-team field also includes American John Shuster, China's Rui Liu, Germany's Alexander Baumann, Italy's Joel Retornaz, Japan's Yusuke Morozumi, Jaap Van Dorp of the Netherlands, Norway's Steffen Walstad and Russia's Alexey Stukalskiy.

"I feel like our team is definitely one of the favourites going in," Gushue said.

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## IN BRIEF

### China to host first NHL games during pre-season

The NHL will play its first games in China this fall.

The league announced Thursday that the Los Angeles Kings and Vancouver Canucks will meet in two pre-season matches, Sept. 21 in Shanghai and Sept. 23 in Beijing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### 'Bathroom bill' deal key to N. Carolina hosting events

Basketball-mad North Carolina is hoping its move to roll back its "bathroom bill" will help it avoid another costly hit when the NCAA selects four years of championship sites for a variety of sports.

College athletics' governing body said that it is deciding this week on locations for tournaments through the spring of 2022 and that it wouldn't award any to North Carolina if the law known as House Bill 2 was still on the books.

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### FINAL FOUR SCHEDULE Saturday at Glendale, Ariz.

■ Gonzaga vs. South Carolina, 6:09 p.m.

■ North Carolina vs. Oregon, 8:49 p.m.

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# Team Canada 'on a mission'

## HOCKEY

## U.S. 'energized' heading into women's world championship

Canada will open the women's world hockey championship against a U.S. team either drained from the drama of recent days or empowered by winning concessions from their own federation.

Regardless, the Canadians are pleased their archrivals will be on the ice with them Friday in Plymouth, Mich. The U.S. women had threatened to boycott the tournament unless they received more financial support from USA Hockey.

"We wanted them here," Canadian forward Haley Irwin said. "At a world championship, you want the best teams to be here to compete against and compete for a gold medal."

The American women's campaign, and the support they received from tennis legend Billie Jean King to the NHL Players' Association to U.S. senators, has created a buzz around the host

team and defending champions. "Completely energized," U.S. captain Meghan Duggan declared. "We're going to use all that momentum we kind of built up, really just channel it in to energy for the start of the tournament."

The players and USA Hockey came to an agreement Tuesday just in time for the top American players to pursue a fourth straight women's world title.



**There's a lot of talent right across the spectrum and it can go either way.**

Laura Schuler,  
Canada's head coach

The Americans held just their second practice as a team Thursday, compared to the Canadians who have already played two exhibition games during their week-long training camp.

Canada and the U.S. have met in the final of every women's world championship final dating back to the first one in 1990.

Alex Carpenter scored the overtime winner for the U.S. in a 1-0 win last year in Kamloops, B.C. The Americans have won six of the last seven, with Canada's last gold in 2012 in Burlington, Vt.

"It's been a while since we won that world championship and I think we're on a mission right now," said Canadian captain Marie-Philip Poulin.

"We want to bring it back to Canada. We know it's going to be hard."

Canada is 3-7 versus the U.S. since beating them in an overtime thriller for Olympic gold in 2014. Canada won their two most recent meetings, by scores of 5-3 and 3-2 in December's exhibition series.

Canada, the U.S., Finland and Russia are in a pool of the top four countries in the world. Sweden, the Czech Republic, Switzerland and Germany are in the other pool.

The two teams with the best records in Canada's pool get byes to the semifinals. The other two play quarter-finals against the top two teams emerging from the other pool. The medal games are April 7. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Marie-Philip Poulin scored the overtime winner in Canada's gold-medal victory over the U.S. at the Sochi Olympics in 2014. ALEXANDER NEMENOV/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

## GOLF IN BRIEF

### Fowler off to a hot start at Houston Open

Rickie Fowler shot an 8-under 64 for a one-shot lead over Sung Kang after the first round of the Houston Open on Thursday.

Fowler had his best round in six appearances at the tournament, topping a previous low score of 68.

Fowler won last month at the Honda Classic and is trying to keep momentum going into the Masters next week. The Honda Classic win snapped a 13-month, 25-start drought for Fowler.

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### Icher takes early lead at windy LPGA Tour major

France's Karine Icher shot a 5-under 67 to take an early lead before high winds shortened the opening day of the ANA Inspiration on Thursday in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Half of the field in the LPGA Tour's first major of the year was still on the course when wild winds halted to play. The first round will resume Friday morning. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## MLB

## Players to keep an eye on in AL East

The regular season officially kicks off Sunday afternoon when the Tampa Bay Rays host the New York Yankees, one of three games on the day.

Staying in the American League East, here are five players that could be on the cusp of superstardom.

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### DYLAN BUNDY SP Baltimore Orioles

Blue Jays fans will get an early look at the right-hander, who is set to pitch against lefty J.A. Happ on Wednesday. Bundy is an injury-prone former top prospect who underwent Tommy John surgery in 2013. He finally proved his worth in the Orioles' bullpen last season, eventually earning a spot in the rotation and finishing with a 10-6 record and a 4.02 ERA.

Andrew Benintendi  
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### ANDREW BENINTENDI OF Boston Red Sox

Spoiler alert for those who haven't read this year's top 100 prospects lists: the Red Sox outfielder is ranked No. 1 by both Baseball America and MLB Pipeline.com. Benintendi earned a call-up with Boston in August after batting .312/.378/.532 in 97 games with Class-A Salem and Double-A Portland. He had a .295 average and a .359 on-base percentage in 34 big-league games last season.

### GREG BIRD 1B New York Yankees

When Alex Rodriguez compares you to Yankees legend Don Mattingly people take notice. The catcher-turned-first-baseman, who has just one year of major-league experience under his belt, had already been lighting it up in the Grapefruit League, posting some of the hottest spring training's numbers out there.

Blake Snell  
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### BLAKE SNELL SP Tampa Bay Rays

The 24-year-old struck out 98 batters in 89 innings last year as a rookie, earning himself a 6-8 record with a 3.54 ERA. Some thought last season would be Snell's breakout year, but the Rays handled him with care. This year, penciled in at fourth in the rotation, the chance is truly there.

### DEVON TRAVIS 2B Toronto Blue Jays

For much of spring training, Travis was an early season question mark thanks to off-season knee surgery. But with the second baseman looking healthy, fans can dare to dream. Travis has 19 home runs and 85 RBIs in 627 plate appearances, not to mention a team-leading .300 average in 2016.

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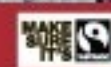


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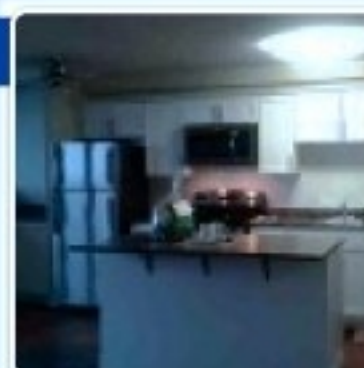
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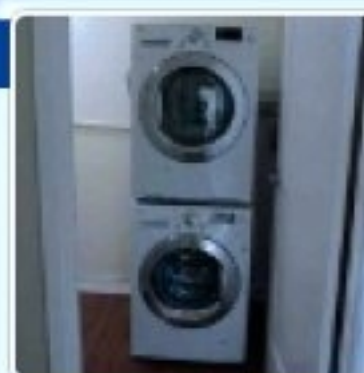
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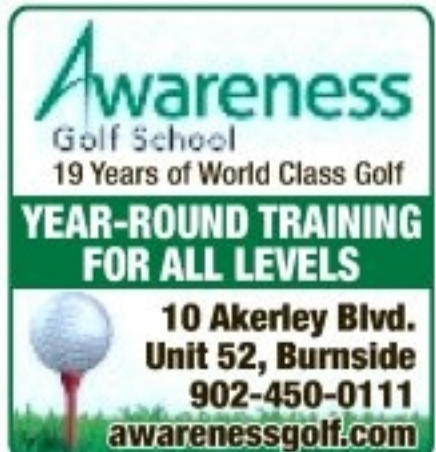
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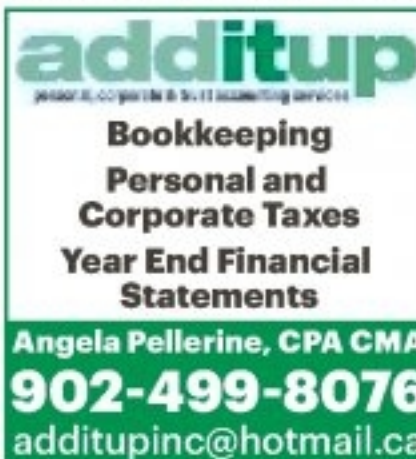
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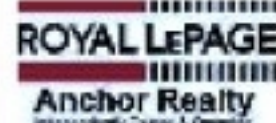


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**Ready in 15 minutes**

Prep time: 5 minutes  
Cook time: 10 minutes  
Serves 4

**Ingredients**

- 2 bags of dark chocolate chips
- 17 marshmallows, cut in half
- 1 box of graham crackers

**Directions**

1. Preheat oven to 350.  
2. In a 9-inch, ovenproof skillet, pour the chocolate chips in an even layer across the bottom. Arrange the marshmallow halves along the top, covering all the chips.

3. Bake in the oven for 10 minutes, or until marshmallows are lightly browned and chocolate is melted. Be careful not to over bake the chocolate.

4. Serve with stacks of graham crackers to dip and enjoy.

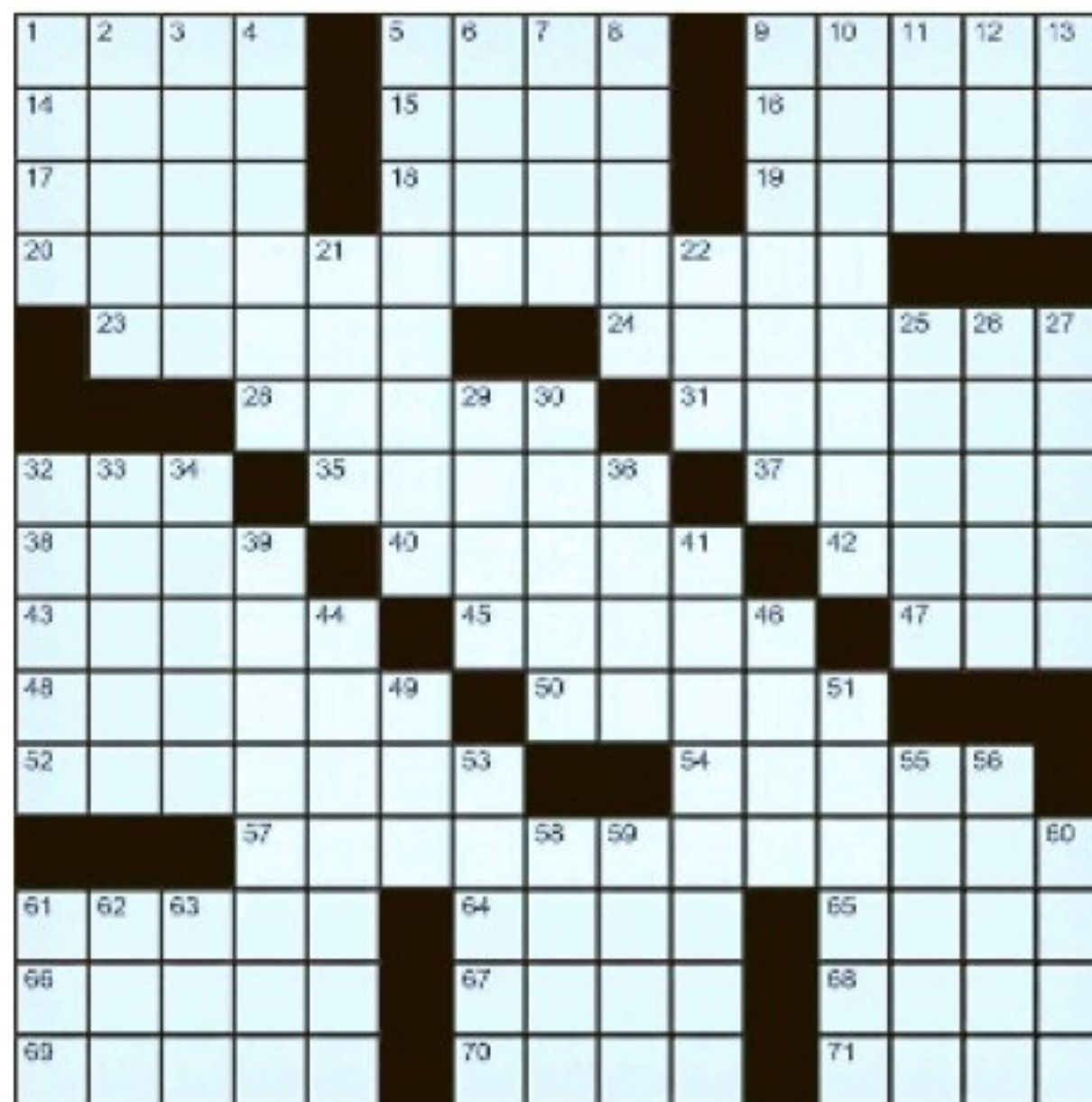
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**ACROSS**

- "You \_\_\_ Meant for Me" by Jewel
- British raincoats, fun-style
- Short romance
- Figure skating jump
- Aid and \_\_\_
- "American Pie" embankment
- Aggravate
- Former musical comedy on FOX
- Up to now: 2 wds.
- Performance centre in Montreal: 3 mots
- Showbiz news show hosted by Mario Lopez
- \_\_\_ Party of Canada
- River sediments
- Switzerland city
- Sugar amt.
- Roman goddess of agriculture
- Wallet item, \_\_\_ card
- Gets by, just barely
- One with a pad and paper
- Food Network creation
- Sacred temple practices
- Ornamental edging of loops
- Anonymous surname
- Angel
- Taboos
- "Cool It Now" by New \_\_\_
- "Boot Boot"
- 'B' of CBC
- Sleeping prob-



- lem
- Jam-in together
- "Hop \_\_\_!" (Get moving)
- Pop into the freezer
- Uncommon
- Root that's edible
- Places at a slant

- \_\_\_ and flows
- Robin Colcord's portrayal on "Cheers", Roger \_\_\_

**DOWN**

- \_\_\_ speed, as on "Star Trek"
- Banish

- Put up your feet and stay awhile
- Chooses a candidate
- Gulf of St. Lawrence archipelago, \_\_\_ Islands
- "Obtain" suffix
- So-so grades
- Pilfer

- \_\_\_ truck
- Diminished
- "Poison \_\_\_" by The Coasters
- Maiden name word preceder
- Become
- Mr. Stoltz of movies
- Tractor trailer

- Raise one's paddle at the auction another time
- Notice/warning, in Spain
- Workshop machine
- French for 'too much'
- \_\_\_ stone (Unchangeable)
- Succinct
- Went to Whistler
- Agar-holding lab dish
- Like dry Spanish wine
- Car safety device
- Glace Bay, Nova Scotia born stand-up comedian: 2 wds.
- Coils
- Pump parts
- Which person, wondered the owl?
- Jet-\_\_\_ (World traveller)
- Mother-of-pearl
- \_\_\_ Janeiro
- Like a nasty comment
- Dullsville
- Atkins = Low-\_\_\_ diet
- Ronny & The Daytonas cars
- Take steps
- \_\_\_ Beta Kappa
- Naught

## IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
You're full of big ideas today because you're in such a positive frame of mind. Enjoy discussions with siblings, neighbors and relatives. (They will be impressed.)

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Business and commerce are favoured today, because you are in a moneymaking frame of mind. Furthermore, you're not afraid to entertain ambitious ideas. Good stuff!

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Today the Moon is in your sign and you feel content and happy. It's a good day for business. It's also a good day to enjoy family activities at home.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Today you will prefer to work behind the scenes or perhaps alone. It's also a good day to research and look for answers to old problems.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Relationships with friends and group members will be upbeat and positive today. Make an effort to be sociable and friendly, because you are the one who will get a pleasant payoff.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
You make a great impression on bosses and VIPs today. In fact, work-related travel or talking to people from other cultures is likely for some of you.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Do something different today. Shake up your routine. You have an urge for adventure and you also want to learn something new. Go someplace you have never been before

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
This is a good day to discuss shared property and issues related to insurance, wills, inheritances and anything that you own jointly with others. Things will likely go in your favor.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
You have to go more than halfway when dealing with others today, because the Moon is opposite your sign. This simply requires some tolerance, patience and co-operation.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Do something to get better organized today. Make your work-station or where you live a bit neater. Tidy things up.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
This is a playful, fun-loving day. It's also a good date day. Plan to have fun activities with children, friends and loved ones. Sporting events particularly will appeal.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
You might want to cocoon at home today and just relax. Today pleasure appeals more than work — that's for sure. Take some time off just for yourself, because you deserve it.

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